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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8 and ending on page 5, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

That is, at this stage, differences are made in the receiving intervals of the heartbeat, so that the party that first reaches the 'PENDING PENDING ACTIVE' state is transited to an active state and the party that reaches later is transited to the 'STANDBY' state, thereby maintaining a normal state.